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1. JOINT KUBARK/ODACID TEAM SECURED SWORN STATEMENT OF [ ]  
[ ] OF ALFHEM ON 28 MAY AT KEY WEST WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN UNQUALIFIED  
DENIAL OF COMPLICITY RE RIVRY OF ARMS INTO GUATEMALA.
2. INFO DEVELOPED BY COAST GUARD INTELL THRU INTERROGATION OF STAY  
BEHIND CREW MEMBER OF ALFHEM NOW IN MONROE COUNTY HOSPITAL, KEY WEST, INDICATES  
STRONG ALLEGATION OF COMPLICITY OF MASTER, FIRST MATE AND MASTER'S SIXTEEN YEAR  
OLD SON WHO SHIPPEED AS CREW MEMBER AND ACTED AS INFORMER FOR MASTER.
3. STAY BEHIND CREW MEMBER ASSERTS HE INSPECTED CARGO ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE  
MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO PROVE HIS SUSPICIONS THAT CREW WAS BEING CHEATED OUT OF  
ADDITIONAL HAZARD PAY FOR SHIPPING ARMS. SUBJECT ASSERTS HE SAW SPARE PARTS FOR  
WEAPONS, SOME PISTOLS AND A MACHINE GUN. ALSO STATES FIRST MATE DISCOVERED  
EVIDENCE OF HIS SEARCH AND PRESSURED HIM INTO SILENCE. SUBJ STATES HE WILL  
NEVER RETURN TO SHIP AND "IRON CURTAIN RUN" BUT DESIRES RETURN TO SWEDEN.
4. DESIRE YOU ARRANGE WITH ODACID AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR REINTERROGATION  
MASTER AND CREW ALFHEM AT ANTEILLA ON OR ABOUT 31 MAY. PERSONNEL FROM HQS  
MAY FLY DOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERROGATION. WILL ADVISE FURTHER THAT POINT.

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5. SUGGEST FOLLOWING APPROACH TO INTERROGATION MASTER ALFHEM:
  - A. TELL HIM TWO CREW MEMBERS REMAINING BEHIND KEY WEST HAVE TALKED A LOT. HAVE STATED COMPLICITY PART OF CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE IN DELIVERING ARMS TO GUATS.
  - B. THIS IS LAST CHANCE FOR CAPTAIN TO TELL TRUTH AND SET ASIDE FALSE AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY HIM IN KEY WEST.
  - C. IF HE TELLS TRUTH NEW AFFIDAVIT WILL BE TAKEN AND OLD ONE FORGOTTEN.
6. IMPORTANT THAT INTERROGATORS NOT REVEAL EXTENT TO WHICH CREW MEMBERS REMAINING KEY WEST HAVE TALKED. LET MASTER CONJECTURE WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN SAID. THIS COMMON INTERROGATION TECHNIQUE AS YOU KNOW.
7. ODACID HQS NOTIFYING AMB VIA THEIR CHANNELS RE ABOVE. ASSUME HE WILL DESIRE COORDINATE WITH KUBARK.
8. BELIEVE CHANGE IN SITUATION PRECLUDES USE OF AMB AS THIS NOW OFFICIAL MATTER. *AMIBER*
9. WILL ADVISE FURTHER.

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